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SUBJ: DECLARATIONS OPPOSING MAVROS DEPORTATION

PUBLICIZED BY BBC AND DEUTSSHE WELLE

1. TWO SEPARATE DECLARATIONS CRITICIZING RECENT ARREST  
GEORGE MAVROS AND CONCURRENT LACK OF DEMOCRATIC GUARANTEES  
AND FREEDOM IN GREECE PUBLICIZED IN BBC AND DEUTSCHE  
WELLE BROADCASTS MAR 20 AND 21. ONE DECLARATION WAS  
SIGNED BY 54 FORMER DEPUTIES OF THE CENTER UNION (CU)  
PARTY WHILE THE OTHER LISTED 25 SIGNATURES OF LAWYERS  
AND FORMER GOVT OFFICIALS MOST OF WHOM PREVIOUSLY  
ASSOCIATED WITH COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR RESTORATION  
OF DEMOCRATIC LEGALITY.

2. CU DECLARATION "PROTESTED MAVROS ARREST AND  
DEPORTATION TO YIAROS ISLAND" AND REMINDED PUBLIC THAT  
SUCH DEPORTATIONS WITHOUT RESPECT TO CONSTITUTIONAL  
GUARANTEES HAVE BEEN CONTINUING THROUGH SEVEN-YEAR  
PERIOD UNDER "EXTRAORDINARY CONDITIONS". DECLARATION  
AFFIRMED THAT CU PARTY AND MAVROS SHARED "NATIONAL  
INDEPENDENCE" AS BASIC PRINCIPLE THEIR POLICY AND THAT

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NO ONE COULD CONTEST THEIR PATRIOTISM. IT DECLARED FURTHER

THAT NATION MUST RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC NORMALCY SOONEST  
AND THAT PAST SEVEN YEARS EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN VIOLENCE--  
FAR FROM BEING A SOLUTION-- MERELY COMPLICATES THE  
IMPASSE.

3. THE SECOND DECLARATION DENIED THAT MAVROS STATMENT  
ON CANCELLATION RN SHIP VISITS CONSTITUTED AN "INVOKING  
OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION", BUT RATHER REFLECTED OPINION  
OF A POLITICAL LEADER ON THE NATURE OF THE ADHERENCE  
OF OTHER "CONTRACTING NATIONS" TO THE PRINCIPLES  
OF THE NATO ALLIANCE. THE DECLARATION STATED THAT  
THE PROLONGED SUSPENSION OF A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRATIC  
SYSTEM, TOGETHER WITH THE PERSECUTION OF THOSE  
HOLDING CONTRARY OPINIONS THROUGH IMPRISONMENT AND  
DEPORTATION, EVOKES WELL-GROUNDED ANXIETIES. DECLARATION  
ENDS WITH STATEMENT THAT "IT IS ONLY THROUGH DEMOCRACY  
AND FREEDOM THAT THE SUPREME INTERESTS OF A NATION  
WILL BE PROTECTED AND THE NATIONAL DIGNITY SAFEGUARDED".

4. COMMENT: ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS IS ONLY  
NEWSPAPER IN ATHENS WHICH HAS REPORTED TWO DECLARATIONS.  
DEUTSCHE WELLE COMMENTATOR MAR 21 FORECAST THAT  
MAVROS ARREST WOULD PROVOKE UNFAVORABLE REACTION IN  
U.S. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS LATEST EPISODE WOULD BE  
"ADDED" TO THE STILL PENDING MATTER OF THE FRASER REPORT--  
WHICH ITSELF WOULD GAIN INCREASED SIGNIFICANCE AFTER  
AMBASSADOR TASCA'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HFAC.  
COMMENTATOR CONCLUDED THAT AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT  
MAY BECOME OF "CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE" AND FOR THAT REASON  
IS AWAITED WITH INTEREST BY OBSERVERS OF GREEK SCENE.  
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